GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2473
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2003
VACANT POSTS OF JUDGES IN ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of judges lying vacant in Allahabad High Court as on 31st January, 2003;

(b) the number of such posts for which action has not been initiated till now;

(c) the reasons for not filling up these posts immediately; and

(d) the time by which Government are likely to fill up these vacant posts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) As on January 31, 2003, there were twenty four posts of Judges vacant in the Allahabad High Court.

(b) to (d) Pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgement of October 6, 1993, read with theAdvisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the process of initiation of proposal for appointment of Judges of a High Court lies with the Chief Justice of that High Court. The Government has, however, been requesting the Chief Justices of the High Courts, Chief Ministers andthe Governors of the States, from time to time, including the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court and the Chief Minister and the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, to initiate proposals for filling up of the present and the vacancies anticipated during the next six months. They were last reminded on October 28, 2002.